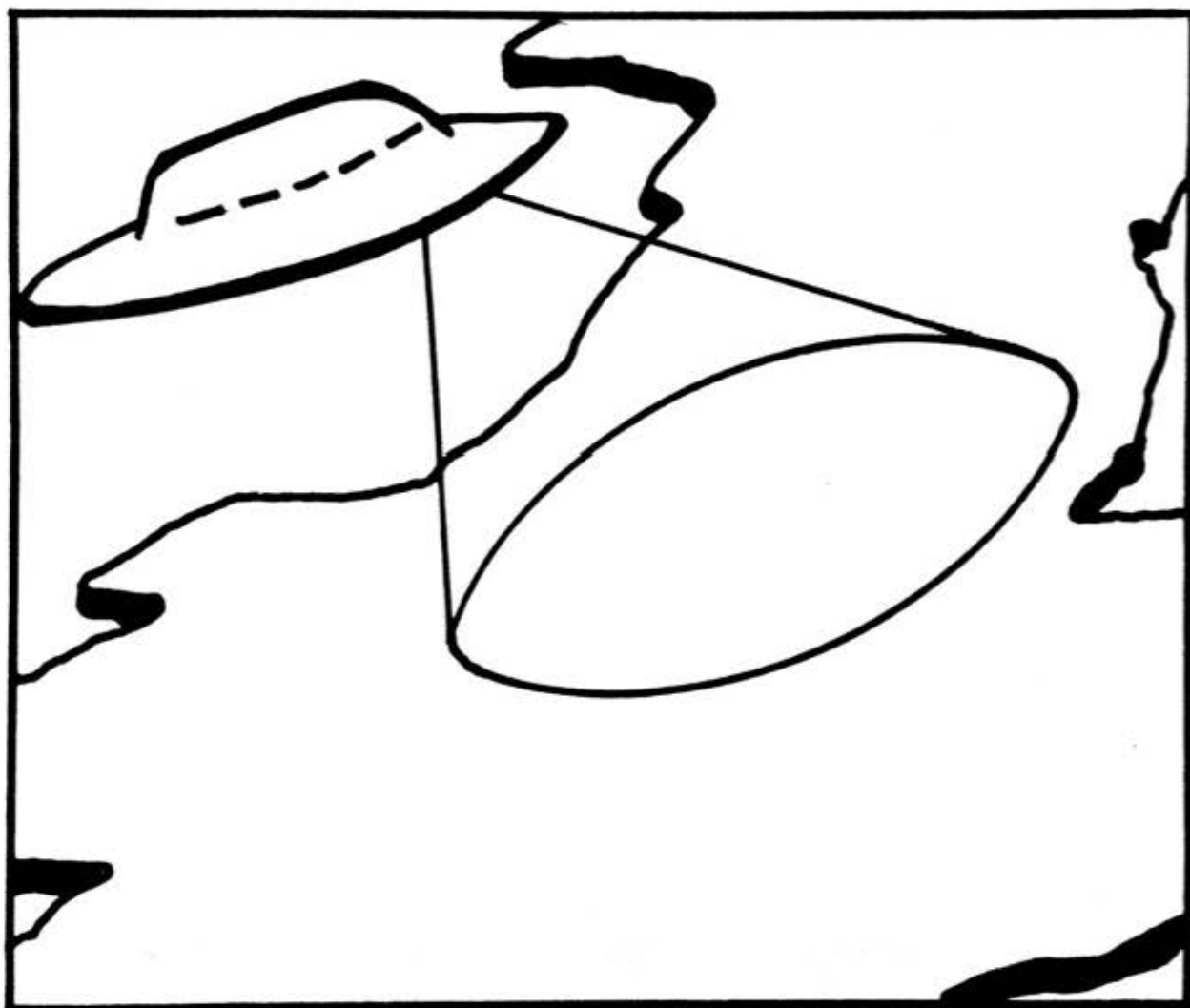


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EDITORIAL:- The Lessons of Television

In mid March, immediately following the opening of CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, Granada TV (the ITV station for the NW) approached Jenny Randles with a proposal for a 30 minute documentary programme about UFOs. It was scheduled for transmission three days later (March 17) and Jenny and Peter Warrington were signed up as "consultants" to the research team.

Discussions took place as to the nature of the feature and it was decided that it should consist of two or three of the most evidential cases from recent NUFON files followed by a studio debate. Initially we centred on two cases, the encounter of PCs Lowe and Roberts on the M62 motorway on January 11 (February NUN) and the Nelson car stop case from March 1977 (FSR Vol 23 - 3). However, a new case had just come to light via the Daily Express series, including six witness, associated effects and a long piece of movie film (see p.8). At first Granada researcher Diana Glass accompanied Jenny and Peter on the investigation simply to see how a case was investigated, but quickly everyone agreed that the film was important and had to be included. At the time there was a Granada technicians strike so the film could not be screened. It was, therefore, decided to postpone the programme until after the strike with Granada financing the investigation of the story.

Over the next four weeks this investigation took place; extensive interviewing, visits to the Kodak labs in Hertfordshire, detailed analysis of the film etc etc. Finally, the strike now over, we were all happy that the film stood up. Whatever it showed, it was genuine.

The format of the programme, now rescheduled for April 21, was built around the film. It was to include all six witnesses and just one other case (the PCs encounter) - mostly pre-filmed - Jenny and Peter to give the ufo viewpoint, Dr Paul Davies, an astrophysicist colleague of Allan Hynek, and author and science journalist Ian Ridpath. Initially Jenny and Peter had almost run the show - but suddenly Granada took over and all went quiet. Still at the last moment hopes were still high.

On the last morning all hell suddenly broke loose. Ian Ridpath had released the story to both BBC Radio 4 and the Daily Express. The latter carried a full page feature and still shot from the film, extensively quoting Jenny Randles (based on an informal telephone conversation). This was without the knowledge of anyone, including the witnesses (who had expressed a desire for anonymity). Granada fired Ridpath on the spot and, again without witness permission, gave the film to ITN for network news transmission that night. Of course it provided excellent promotion for the programme - all very convenient but still trampling on those concerned in the process.

From the outset investigators, witnesses, and (we believed) Granada had accepted the film as important scientific evidence which had to be kept untainted from 'UFO' connotations if it were to succeed in convincing science of the existence of a novel phenomenon. Indeed strenuous efforts to avoid publicity were made. Everything was hushed up temporarily in a good cause and Jenny and Peter were presented as individuals and not representatives of any group or magazine.

The programme itself went well, although Granada would not let Dr Davies talk to anyone about his ideas before air time and he totally refuted the more logical ball lightning hypothesis of Ridpath's to try to proclaim that the film showed army flares. It proved fairly simple to repudiate this on air, but vital time was lost.

THE MEDIA THIS MONTH

Its been another bumper month for UFOs in the media. Local series continue to proliferate in the press, with MUFORA getting full page features in both the Eccles Journal and the Stretford & Urmston Journal. Other groups have no doubt had some success also. TV and radio publicity has surrounded the release of the Stonehenge film (see P.3 and 8) with a serious item on News at Ten (Amazing!) The Daily Express has continued on its UFO theme with several articles on the subject, including a note about CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE NORTHERN KIND - once more latching onto the Frodsham CE3 - calling the item CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (Whatever next!)

UFO magazines published recently include the latest review of the Irish scene - as excellent as ever. (IRISH UFO NEWS from John Hind and the IURC). Also UFO-INFO - a very nicely presented offering from the Wiltshire group. CNK have published another news packed issue. CONTACT UKs latest issue of Awareness has a most interesting feature on the Cheshire/Derbyshire mystery helicopter flap by David Rees of MAPIT. BUFORA have published the proceedings of the 1976 conference in Birmingham, hosted by UFOSIS. Papers from Ted Bloecher, Bernard Delair and many more. Well worth £2. Finally FSR is putting out its issues ahead of schedule in an attempt to catch up on a legacy of the post and print strikes. Recent issues have been above average with detailed reviews of several NUFON cases including the Barnard Castle EM, the New Elgin CE3 and the Irlam solid light. Upcoming issues will feature several NUFON CE3s including the Rainford, Risley and Frodsham incidents - plus the full story of the Aveley abduction over the next three issues.... plus of course the Stonehenge film.

NEWS ROUND-UP

Paul Whetnall

Alan and Trisha Price have named their new group in Southern Scotland Border UFO Research Group - and Alan made a great start to his publicity drive with an appearance on Border TV. Meanwhile PULSE and FUFOR are both planning for the arrival of CLOSE ENCOUNTERS in Preston and Crewe during July. PULSE have a great idea to decorate the cinema with childrens drawings of UFOs commissioned from local schools with the best getting tickets to see the film. Derek James asks it to be mentioned once more that he can offer facilities for free photocopying of any items of importance in investigation work, reproduction of maps etc. You would be silly not to take up this offer - from the normal UFORA Staffs address to improve the quality of your investigation reports. NUFOIS would also point out that all the NUFON files are stored at their HQ in Nottingham, and if you are involved in a research project it is well worth your while paying a trip there. It will only cost you travel as there are accommodation facilities at the HQ. So get cracking on those research projects! Jenny Randles takes on a full time position within ufology from June, expanding her involvement with Flying Saucer Review - but she is not deserting NUFON! Finally, I shall be moving from Mid May. My new address will be:

187 Withens Lane Wallasey Merseyside (Tel: 051 - 630 - 4801 - if you need m

DONT FORGET - CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE NORTHERN KIND is NUFONs new 16pp booklet all about the ufo phenomenon in the north - looking at it from all aspects including official attitudes, explanations etc - with many case studies and all group addresses. 40p (post inclusive) - but if you want to sell it at your own functions or to members that special offer still applies NUFON groups can have as many copies as they wish for just 20p each.

UPCOMING EVENTS: May 20/21 UFO INFO conference - Frome, Wiltshire
JUNE 10 - FUFOR are staging a convention in Crewe (Jenny Randles & Tony Pace lecturing)
JUNE 24 - NUFON Conference staged by SUFORS (details from Nigel Watson - to include a 2 hr presentation on UFOs in the movies by BBC TVs Philip Jenkinson - lots of clips)

DO WE NEED A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO RESEARCH UFOs? NEXT MONTH THE EDITORIAL WILL PRESENT THE VIEWS OF STEPHEN TWINE ON THIS TOPIC. STEPHEN IS HOPING TO INITIATE A NEW ACTION GROUP TO SPECIALISE IN THIS AIM. TELL US YOUR VIEWS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER SUPPORT TO STEPHEN WRITE TO: 11 MILTON RD COWLEY OXFORD OX4 3EE

Trevor Thornton had been involved with ufo groups in the Leicestershire area since 1969. Long standing NUFON members will remember the ill-fated LAPRO, which despite having its own HQ crumbled rapidly. However, despite years of researching Trevor was not convinced of the existence of UFOs until May 1977. One of the reports to come out of the great British wave, whilst only a light itself, led to Trevor checking the area for other witnesses. By sheer chance he found them. Once one was found it led to many others (who probably would have otherwise remained anonymous). The case now became a close encounter with a strange aeroform, with no possibility of a contrived hoax. Explanations for the behaviour seemed non-existent - and so Trevor was convinced this was a genuine report of an unknown craft. He then saw the need for a new group and he proceeded to plan. The word organisation was not going to be used lightly.

Trevor has no time for petty selfishness or apathetic attitudes towards other groups. Any information available, he wishes to give freely to others who require it. The group has a very open mind, and a fast expanding membership. Projects into Ley-lines and Psychic phenomena and their possible inter-relations with UFOs are already underway. The group also gives assistance to any new body that comes along, and has set up a close liaison with the other Leicestershire team - HAPI.

One of Trevor's hopes for the future is to see a British network of groups, all interlinked with a constant information flow. I think this is something that many of us working towards the NUFON ideals would wish for too.

PAUL WHETNALL REPORTS THAT THIS IS THE LAST BIOGRAPHY ON FILE. COME ON NOW!! LETS HEAR FROM: CHRYSIS, DIGAP, BUFORA YORKSHIRE, FUFOR, HAPI, NUFOIS, PULSE, UFORA, UFORUM, UFOSIS

SOME OF THE PRESS FEATURES OF THE RECENT PAST

DAILY MIRROR, W. dnesday, March 29, 1978

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

DON'T be disturbed, but alien beings seem to be getting interested in . . . COWS!

Close Encounters. In fact, of a Moo-ving Kind.

UFO-ologists have just produced a new booklet which lists a spate of sightings in the North-west of England.

And it seems they have a character and flavour all their own. Like . . .

● A fireball which landed on moors above Oldham.

By MIRROR REPORTER

● A seven-foot alien seen by three men at Kirkby, near Liverpool.

● And—most amazing of all—the incredible alien cattle measurers of Frodsham, Cheshire.

Jenny Randles, secretary of the Northern UFO Research Association, said of the last incident: "Three men saw a flying saucer land in a field.

"Three entities emerged

carrying a device which resembled a bird cage.

"They then proceeded to take measurements of cows in the field with it."

Jenny, a 26-year-old audio-visual technologist, said: "The reports are nearly all from high, moorland areas stretching from Oldham to the Lake District."

NUFORA is distributing 1,000 copies of its 40p booklet throughout the region.

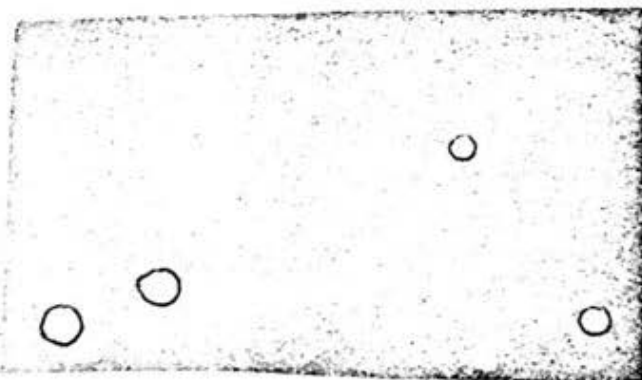
"We want people to come to us with their reports so we can investigate and substantiate them," added Jenny.

They got the name wrong - but never mind! Still good publicity for NUFON.

Below left - still from the Stonehenge Film as featured in Daily Express - April 21

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MOOVING KIND!

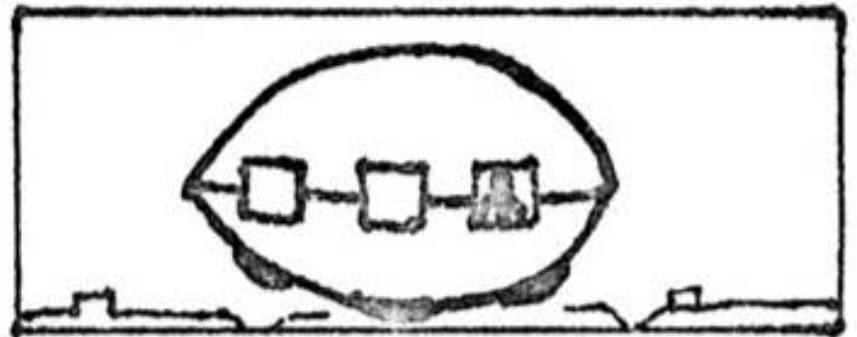


INVESTIGATIONS

THIRD KIND ENCOUNTER FROM LEICESTERSHIRE

Report 5406 HAPI

This incident was related personally to Graham Hall of HAPI in 1972. The basic details are here recounted, but he is attempting to procure a more detailed analysis. The witness, Mrs Cresswell of Braunstone Frith in Leicester, cannot recall the exact date - but it was October or November 1954 which places it around the time of the famous Roestenberg encounter from Staffordshire. It was around 23.00 and the witness was in bed when she first caught sight of the object over rooftops at the back of the house. It was shaped like two saucers stuck together with a rim on the middle. Three small rounded protrusions were seen underneath. Colour was silver/grey with a whitish moonlight glow coming from inside three square windows in the middle. The UFO made no sound, except perhaps a slight hum - although it was only just above rooftop height. It moved in a slow rolling fashion and took a few minutes to pass overhead and then out of sight over rooftops on the opposite side of the road (the witness went to the front to see it). In size it seemed larger than an aircraft, and Mrs Cresswell was afraid that it was so low it would crash.



The most puzzling feature was the 'man' seen in the right hand window. He was dressed in a black one piece suit with a balaclava helmet on. The eyes were dark, sallow complexion, slim build and fingers touching something (controls?) in front. It seemed to be five or six feet tall but as the lower half was obscured could have been on a platform. At one point it was lost from view as it seemingly bent down. The eyes seemed to penetrate.

Mrs Cresswells mother was a witness also, but unfortunately she died some years ago.

77/262 June 1977 22.00 Barwell, Lecstr LOW A HAPI

During the third week in June Mr Jebbett and his neighbour observed a light from their gardens moving directly towards them from the east. It seemed to be stationary at first but grew larger as it approached. It was reddish and very bright. At a point low over some trees it stopped and then moved back the way it had come. Mr Jebbett grew tired and went back in, but his neighbour says that he watched it in total for five minutes and saw it streak upwards into the sky at the end.

77/263 July 5 1977 22.30 Burbage, Lcstr LOW A HAPI

The witness, Mr Wallace, is an amateur astronomer and was looking at the sky from his bedroom window on the night in question. Suddenly he saw two round yellow lights like car headlamps moving east to west very slowly. In fact they almost came to a stop. When directly opposite they turned south west and veered away and up at speed changing to an elliptical shape as they did so. They were in view about 2 minutes. It is interesting to note the correlation in colour and shape with phenomena seen elsewhere in the region around that time on July 5th. See 77/110 & 77/126 and FSR Vol 23 No 5 and 6 for examples from Cheshire and Greater Manchester.

77/264 October 12 1977 18.40 West Kirby, Msysde MED C WUFOS

This very well written account comes from a teenager who was doing her homework, involving looking out over some fields. Suddenly in a clear blue sky she saw a rocket shaped object appear in a silver flash. It had a rounded end and streaked across the sky in one or two seconds, disappearing in a second flash. Her description tallies very well with Report 77/190 from Lincolnshire of a bomb shaped object. It seems to confirm suspicions that the object was a fireball meteor.

77/265 November 4 1977 20.00 Sheffield, Sth Yorks CE 2 Tr A SUFORS

Twelve year old Timothy Pearson, his younger brother Nicholas and a friend, Roger Shaw were witness to a phenomenon whilst building their bonfire in some fields. First they saw a whitish light which spun across the sky, and then at about 21.20 Timothy left alone observed a huge object the size of a garage and bright blue travel slowly across from the north east. It seemed to appear as if from nowhere and moved slowly. It was in view five minutes before it descended slowly down into a field and was seen on the ground for five minutes behind some trees. It glowed brightly and was of no clear shape, but did not illuminate the countryside. He did not see it leave, but next morning returned to the area and found at the site a small area of flattened grass in an oval shape. On one side was some green sticky stuff that was warm to the touch. Nigel Watson and Roger Hebb visited the field but it was ploughed up. They are not convinced that the traces are related to the phenomenon observed and found one or two differences between the story on interview and the original letter sent to Jenny Randles following the Sun newspaper series. However, they find no reason to disbelieve the boys.

7828 January 17 1978 08.15 Eastham, Msysde MED A WUFOS

Two young women workers observed a strange sight from their office windows. For about five minutes they observed two white circles of light, the size of a halfpenny at arms length, next to each other but apparently not joined. They moved low at elevation 30 - 40 degrees from west to east and disappeared behind trees in the distance. There was no sound. They speculate that they could not be headlights on an aircraft as they moved parallel and not towards the witnesses. Notice the similarity with report 77/263 from P.4 and the possible connection with Report 7811 (February NUN)

Sounds like a hoax..... but you never know! Report 7829 SUFORS

One of the letters received by Jenny Randles following the Sun series sounded most promising. It was passed onto Nigel Watson to be investigated, but so far the witness has been uncooperative and condescended not to reply. It seems that the letter was initially written just to attract attention and gain penfriends (as it asks). It reads 10.20 pm on February 1st I saw a large silver disc shooting across the night sky. It made landing behind some trees. I observed two figures standing by the spacecraft about six feet tall. The saucer made off at more than the speed of light. I estimate in about half an hour. What was it? Could it have been a space craft from the star system of Andromeda or beyond the Milky Way?

It then goes on to detail his personal hobbies etc and requests friends to write to him about UFOs. He wants many replies - and PS - any photos from those replying to me. Witness lives in Gainsborough, South Humberside.

DOG WATCHES UFO OVER EARLESTOWN

7830 February 19 1978 18.10 Earlestown, Merseyside CE 1 An C MUFORA

An old age pensioner out with his dog on a dark, quiet footpath observed a very bright glaring light below clouds in the SSE. It was the apparent size of a golf ball at arms length and stationary. The dog came and sat by his side and watched as it slowly grew smaller and faded like a spot on a TV screen. It then moved left and a dark object of indistinct shape veered away silently. Total duration about two minutes.

7831 February 23 1978 19.00 Hull, Nth Humberside MED B Derick Shelton

Apprentice fitter driving home observed a white haze the size of the moon behind clouds in the east. Driving on he saw it again in the same place, this time falling. To ensure this was not an effect of the moving car he stopped and wound down the window. He watched it for half a minute fall down lazily behind houses.

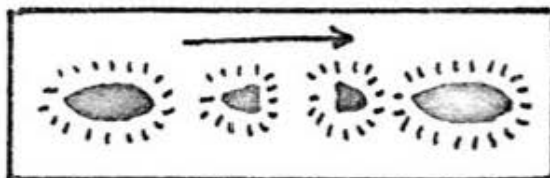
7832 February 24 1978 15.50 Stapleford, Notts MED C N UFOIS

Female witness observed a bright golden light in the direction of Long Eaton just over the rooftops. It was half the size of a 1/2p piece at arms length and bell-shaped. It hovered, but wavered from side to side as if swaying in a breeze. It was silent. She rushed indoors to get another witness, but on return after thirty seconds observation it had disappeared.

SPINNING OVAL OVER HULL

7833 March 12 1978 18.40 Hull, Nth Humberside MED B Derick Shelton

Steven Wolton and his wife observed a strange object from their bay window whilst listening to pop music on the radio. Facing north towards a dark cloud the oval shape appeared but was there for some moments before it registered. It was a large white oval stationary, but which started to spin. This was noticeable because there was a pattern of flashing which gave the appearance of an oval shape not evenly illuminated rotating. It moved slowly along the edge of the cloud and then stopped. Steven went outside to see if he could hear anything, but he could not. When stationary it was just a single oval. After a few seconds it started flashing and moved away again. The lights then started to flash faster and the objects speed increased. Then it took off at a right angle with incredible acceleration straight up into the sky. Total duration one minute.



7834 March 12 1978 21.45 Hinckley, Lcstr LOW A HAPI

Mr & Mrs Bedford had just switched off their TV and were about to walk to a nearby pub. Over houses opposite they saw a pulsating red light. They watched it circle slowly southwards and kept it in view as they walked up the hill to the pub. On reaching there they saw the light fall slowly from the sky down in a gap between the pub and adjacent buildings. Total observation time was ten minutes. On arrival at the pub they related their story and were told that a fluorescent tube had blown out suddenly at just that time. Speculation that this had anything to do with the light seems fruitless. The area where the light was seen to 'land' was searched, but nothing was found. Interestingly, because of the landscape and buildings the light must have fallen very close behind the pub to have been seen in front of a tall factory behind the gap.

7835 March 15 1978 19.45 Kildersgrove, Staffs LOW A UFOFA Staffs

Three teenagers walking from a shop saw a flash of light and looking towards a bank surrounding a farm saw two round white lights the apparent size of half a moon rise slowly in silence. They were separated by 1 1/2 moons and were steady in brightness. After climbing about 8 degrees they stopped and hovered for about seven seconds then just went out. Just then a bright flash of light fell to earth from this spot. Total duration twenty seconds. Examination of the field next day revealed no marks of cars and no signs that headlights were possible sources.

7836 March 17 1978 20.15 Ashton in Makerfield, Gt Mcr LOW C WUFOS

A Fireman coming out of his home saw three yellow lights in triangular formation with the lower two joined by a band of light. They remained stationary in silence for several minutes and then moved off slowly westwards. Total duration five minutes. The object was the apparent size of a 2p piece at arms length. This seems to be a typical example of a rare optical effect that has been recorded in these pages before.

7837 March 19 1978 20.45 St Helens, Msysde MED C WUFOS

Three schoolboys observed a silvery bell shaped object the size of a 2p at arms length moving slowly northwards. It seemed to flicker or pulsate and was in view five minutes before being lost to view in clouds.

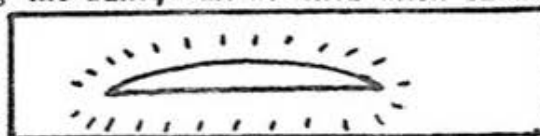
7838 March 21 1978 19.45 Grimsby, Sth Humberside LOW C SUFORS

White light observed stationary over thirty minute period disappearing on occasion. Vanished when stars did not.

The wife of the Chairman of Hapi was looking out of her lounge window when she saw two royal blue lights (possibly with a tinge of green) side by side and separated by half an inch at arms length. They appeared to be the size of the moon in the sky and fell very fast from S elevation 45 to N elevation 15. They were only in view a few seconds and seemed to be falling onto the lawn.

AA MEN SPOT UFO Report 7840 UFOA Staffs

One of the benefits of UFOARs link with the AA is the receipt of reports such as this. Raymond Cope was driving with a new patrol south on the M6 near Keele, Staffs at 08.36 on MARCH 30 1978. They were admiring the fine, warm weather when suddenly they caught sight of a slender bow shaped object in the W at 15 degree elevation. It moved parallel and then seemed to turn to the E before being lost by trees. The new patrolman saw it, but not as well as he was driving the vehicle. As they came out from the trees at 75 degrees in the SE a silver disc was seen moving fast and travelling up into the sky. Total duration was between 20 and 30 seconds.



7841 April 4 1978 19.30 Ashbourne, Derbys LOW B UFOA Staffs

Mr Scott, 14 years in the RAF and well familiar with aircraft heard the sound of a light aircraft and went outside to see it. He observed it moving S but moving SSE he observed an unidentified light moving from directly overhead to be lost in cloud near the horizon after 1½ minutes. His wife saw the light also.

MYSTERY LIGHTS OVER STAFFORDSHIRE

7842 April 5 1978 21.20 Kids Grove, Staffs LOW B UFOA Staffs

On this night mystery phenomena were reported all over Britain (prompting a Daily Express article about it on the Friday). Oddly this was predicted by a contactee in a southern ufo encounter a few days before it happened! Several intriguing stories from the Midlands are still not completed. However, Derek James of UFOA had several calls that night about four strange lights seen low in the sky. Best reports came from Mr & Mrs Myatt and their teenage son who for 1½ minutes observed the lights moving from 30 degrees elevation E to 15 degrees elevation N along a line of trees. The apparent size of a penny at arms length they consisted of two outer bright lights that flashed regularly and two inner steady lights - all white. As they travelled behind trees, apparently descending, they lit them up. They moved very slowly, covering just 12 degrees of arc, were low and very close but made no sound. They vanished in mid air as if just being switched off.



7843 April 6 1978 Warton, Lancs MED E

It is to be hoped that Ian Cresswell will follow up this story of three teenagers who saw a strange object 50 feet above ground from the village where there was quite a flap last October. They report an upturned saucer with flashing red, orange and cream lights on it. Which moved towards Carnforth, turned and came back. At that point they ran away to tell the police. Thanks to J Bleasdale for this story.

7844 April 6 1978 22.30 Waterfoot, Lancs LOW E MUFORA

A man from Rawtenstall driving through a steep sided glen observed a bright white light in the sky. He lost it behind houses, but a few seconds later saw it again. By now he was agitated and stopped the car and got out. As he did so it accelerated away and disappeared in the direction of Cowpe. It was just a very bright point.

7845 April 14 1978 22.15 Irlam, Gtr Mcr MED A MUFORA

A strange one this! Mrs Pat Wheeldon - a neighbour of Jenny Randles - saw Jenny and other members of her family looking at a brilliant yellow ball hovering low over some adjacent fields. It was seen to be a helicopter when it moved off, but Mrs Wheeldon (who went in before it flew off) described it as a huge spinning top with a silver base, red dome and flashing lights. Now Jenny is not so sure!!!

Subsequent debate in the Granada lounge (fueled by ample supplies of liquor!) were interesting to say the least, especially a few minutes after recording when the programme was screened. It was here noticed that the promised captions to give people opportunity to report their sightings did NOT appear. Then we were told that a message from the 'Top Floor' five minutes before screening had prevented 'favouritism'. All the work put in by ufologists meant nothing. Apparently complaints from other northern groups (who shall remain nameless of course) had been received by Granada and no prejudice in favour of anyone was to be shown. So thanks to YOU (and you know who it is) a good many reports were lost to ufology. Of course we were not told this until too late. After great pressure promises to channel calls from the switchboard were made, but an anonymous check shortly after revealed this was not the case. We have been promised the letters of course but....

On Saturday London Weekend TV screened the programme (but no one told us until too late) Only when the investigators and witnesses banded together in several days solid effort were firm commitments about the future of the film received. Negotiations with Southern TV over a follow up programme began DIRECT, under our terms. It was then discovered that Granada TV had known about Ridpath's article and had sent the stills to the Express! Then Dr Davies appeared on radio 4 saying the film showed flares and the witnesses had virtually agreed! Nonsense of course, put right when - rather late one might think - BBC Radio decided to let us put our story.

The lessons to learn out of all this are clear. NEVER trust the media. They are out to use you to produce good press or television. Other considerations rarely enter into it. In this situation we all learned late - though not too late - the lessons of television. If we cannot do it our way we must not do it! A few jaws might drop in TV producers offices, but this is preferable to sacrificing our scientific scruples

THAT FILM

The full story of this intriguing case will be featured shortly in FSR, but for those of you unfamiliar with it here are the basic facts.

Two families from mid Cheshire were on holiday right by the side of the stones of Stonehenge. Being proficient amateur camera men the two males were to make a film about Stonehenge. They had an expensive camera and ordinary and low light super 8 movie film, to record the October twilight. Over three nights they observed 18 strange orange balls of light that performed odd manoeuvres, including hovering, instant acceleration and disappearance on the spot. One object hovered for 50 minutes. The film forgotten they shot the objects instead and 3½ minutes of film exists, some in darkness but others with the low light film showing skyline for perspective.

One ball came within very close range and the witnesses left, but a couple of weeks later that man (Terry) was taken into hospital with a mysterious skin disease. The possible connection with the ufo events are still being checked out. Of more immediate relevance is the fact that a portable TV and compass needles were both severely effected by the presence of the objects.

All six witnesses tell consistent stories and so far official enquiries have produced no explanation, flares, military exercises, ball lightning and trick optical effects having been ruled out.

FUFORs help in the early stages of investigation should be acknowledged.

.... AND SOME CE 3s

More information is to hand on the three recent CE3 cases referenced in NUN. SUFORs Anlaby School case occurred at midday on January 18. Four boys were witness to the round object which made a whistling noise and landed on the roof. Three golden suited entities were observed. Paul Whetnall is uncovering more information on the Frodsham CE 3 (January 27) where it seems Cows may have been abducted! Finally, the Risley case (see last month) has associated EM, physiological and time-loss effects. All will be reported in detail in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW in the near future. FSR is available for £4.20 per year from West Malling, Maidstone, Kent.

NB JENNY RANGLES WILL BE IN HOSPITAL FOR MUCH OF MAY. URGENT PHONE CALLS SHOULD BE MADE TO PETER WARRINGTON (Alderley Edge 4092)